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FOR: GENE AND PROTEIN RELATING TO HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA

AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

## MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 18, 2008. With a two-month extension of time, this Response is due on or before February 18, 2009. A petition for a two-month extension of time is enclosed.

Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of the same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 25371-021-002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.